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**AMENDMENT**

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2005, the term for response to which expires on September 27, 2005.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are set described on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-11 are amended.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.